

families was tangible and had a profound impact on public policy. It is safe to say the Treasure State wouldn't be what it is today without him.

As a fierce advocate for the labor movement, Eric was an inspiration to fellow labor leaders, politicians, teachers, students, and community members alike. It takes a lot these days to reach across party lines, but Eric consistently worked with those who held different views. Just ask some of the folks who worked with Eric. They will tell you, even though they didn't always agree with him, they respected him.

Raised in Oklahoma and sent to Vietnam as a conscientious objector and U.S. Army combat medic at the age of 23, Eric first planted roots in Montana when he landed a teaching job at Helena Junior High School in 1974. It didn't take long for Eric to find his way into the State's labor movement, where he would spend nearly 50 years helping shape education and union policy.

As a result of Eric's charisma and expertise, he was elected president of the Montana Education Association in 1984, and in 2000, he led MEA to a monumental merger with the Montana Federation of Teachers. As president of MEA-MFT, Eric spearheaded another major merger, which resulted in the creation of the Montana Federation of Public Employees, an organization that today represents more than 25,000 public sector employees. Over the years, Eric continued to bring together folks across Montana. And he managed to do a lot of good for the State's workforce and public schools in the process. But even more than his accomplishments, I think Eric will be remembered for his passion—his genuine commitment to making the Treasure State a better, fairer place to live and work.

I am lucky to have called Eric a friend. His legacy and his friendship have left a lasting imprint on me and so many others. I extend my deepest condolences to Eric's wife, Ellen; their two daughters, Amity and Ashley; two sons-in-law, Rich and TJ; grandchildren, Tristin, Cameron, Braden, Halo, Ethan, and Oliver; and his brothers, Douglas and Edward.

While Eric is no longer with us, he will go down in Montana history as one of the State's greatest labor leaders and champions of public education.

He will be sorely missed.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations, withdrawals, and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 24, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 2089. An act to amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend child nutrition waiver authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2938. An act to make our communities safer.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bills were signed on June 24, 2022, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4176. An act to improve Federal populations surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5407. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6411. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol and substance misuse.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4346) making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4176. An act to improve Federal populations surveys by requiring the collection of voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation, gender identity, and variations in sex characteristics in certain surveys, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 5407. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to promote comprehensive campus mental health and suicide preven-

tion plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 6411. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6493. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prevent certain alcohol and substance misuse; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on June 24, 2022, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2089. An act to amend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to extend child nutrition waiver authority, and for other purposes.

S. 2938. An act to make our communities safer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 623. A resolution calling on the Secretary of State to designate the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.

S. Res. 669. A resolution condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and recognizing the effect of conflict on global food security and famine.

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 674. A resolution celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Marshall Plan and recognizing the role of the Marshall Plan as the foundation of a transatlantic community committed to the preservation of peace, prosperity, and democracy.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with amendments:

S. 3870. A bill to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture.

By Ms. STABENOW, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, with an amendment:

S. 4030. A bill to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to establish a cattle contract library, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4499. A bill to prohibit any requirement that a member of the National Guard receive a vaccination against COVID-19; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 4500. A bill to expand youth access to voting, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.